



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** December 8, 2009  
**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Patrol Division, Police Department  
**SUBJECT:** School Crossing Guards

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Authorize the Chief of Police to execute a Memorandum of Understanding, subject to approval of the City Attorney, between the City of Santa Barbara and the Santa Barbara School Districts and Hope School District for school crossing guard services through June 3, 2010; and
- B. Increase estimated revenues and appropriations by \$129,500 in the General Fund Police Department's Parking Enforcement Program for the costs of the school crossing guards to be reimbursed by the Santa Barbara School District (\$112,000) and Hope School District (\$17,500).

### DISCUSSION:

Historically, the City, through its Police Department, funded, staffed and administered a crossing guard program where guards were placed at specified street crossings in the Santa Barbara and Hope School Districts to assist school children as they enter and exit the elementary school grounds. Due to significant revenue declines, the City of Santa Barbara's Fiscal Year 2010 budget contained substantial reductions, including reductions to the Police Department that resulted in the elimination of the crossing guard program.

In order to continue providing crossing guards to the Santa Barbara and Hope School Districts, the City and the Districts have negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding providing that the City, through the Police Department, will staff and administer the crossing guard program and the Districts, in return, will reimburse the City for the cost to staff and administer the program for the duration of the 2009 school year up to their budgeted amounts.

Santa Barbara School District shall reimburse the City for the hourly wages for each assigned crossing guard serving the District, plus benefits and program administration costs. The Santa Barbara School District's total obligation for the one year term of this MOU shall not exceed \$112,000. Hope School District shall reimburse the City for the hourly wages for each assigned crossing guard serving the District, plus benefits and program administration costs. The Hope School District's total obligation for the one year term of this MOU shall not exceed \$17,500.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

The costs of the crossing guards for the term of the MOU will be reimbursed by the Santa Barbara and Hope School District. There will be no budgetary impact to the General Fund.

**PREPARED BY:** Alex Altavilla, Police Captain

**SUBMITTED BY:** Camerino Sanchez, Chief of Police

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office